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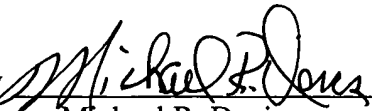
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The PTO-1449 form attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 6, 2005 cites the reference in the International Search Report. This citation includes the designation "Vol. 45", but the correct designation is "Vol. 415", as apparent from the attached copy of the reference. [Also note non-patent document 2 cited on page 2 of the present application.] The PTO-1449 form attached hereto has the correct cite for this reference.

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